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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Werder Air Base

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 10 and 25 August 1953, [redacted] Commissary (2) Volevach [redacted] was stationed at Zerbst and Jueterbog, Commissary (3) Gitun was located at Falkenberg and Commissary (4) Gorshkov was stationed at Merseburg and Altenburg. After 1 September 1953, Staaken was no longer served by Commissary (9) Mashkin, which now supplied only Schoenwalde and Elstal. In mid-September it was noticed that Elstal was the only consumer left in charge of Commissary Mashkin. Major Evmekin (fnu) of Commissary (5) was replaced by Major Bilyatsky (fnu) who wore red-bordered silver epaulets. Air Force First Lieutenant Biryukov (fnu) was supply officer.<sup>1</sup>
2. Lieutenant Colonel Fedjukov (fnu) was chief of the Werder Central Commissary. He was driving sedan [redacted] Kulikov (fnu) was replaced by Major Spiliotin (fnu).<sup>2</sup> New motor vehicles observed at the Central Commissary included trucks [redacted]
3. The following motor vehicles came to the Central Commissary to pick up supplies for the individual commissaries.

Commissary (1) Biryukov:  
 Commissary (2) Volevach:  
 Commissary (3) Gitun :  
 Commissary (4) Gorshkov:  
 Commissary (5) Bilyatsky:  
 Commissary (6) Toporkov:  
 Commissary (9) Mashkin :  
 Commissary (11) Krushilnitsky:  
 Commissary (12) Tupitsin:  
 Commissary (13) Strishkov:  
 Commissary (14) Komar:  
 Commissary (17) Shurunov:  
 Laryek II (6a)  
 Laryed III  
 Magazine V  
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5. Sedans which arrived with visitors at the Central Commissary [redacted] each with one major and [redacted] with a captain.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
6. Giese (fnu), construction superintendent in charge, stated that the meeting and culture building located on Friedrichshoehe in Werder restricted area was to be reconstructed by 31 October 1953. The building was destroyed by fire on 22 May 1953. A general who personally supervised the construction work threatened severe punishment, in case the date fixed for completion should not be met. Forty Soviet soldiers were assigned to the construction site.
7. Every day between 22 and 28 August, a Li-2 landed at Werder airfield between 5 and 6 a.m. and around 6 p.m. The plane always took off again after 20 to 45 minutes. During the same period, local flights were made by single engine courier planes which were parked in front of the repair hangar.<sup>3</sup>
8. In late August 1953, a German construction superintendant stated that training courses for technical officers were continuously being held at Werder airfield. In early September 1953, a German mechanical engineer confirmed and supplemented the information, stating that six-week courses for staff engineers were concerned.
9. Trucks observed at Werder restricted area [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, [redacted] 25X1
10. In the afternoon on 22 August 1953 and during the following days, one Po-2 and Yak-14 practiced flying at Werder airfield. Night flying was also practiced. At about 1 p.m. on 25 August, a twin-engine aircraft was noticed at the field. The aircraft took off shortly after 1 p.m.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
11. On 23 August, Soviet officers were seen for the first time drinking alcohol in a German hotel at Werder at which a dance was arranged on the occasion of an FDJ public festival. The Soviet officers arrived and left in groups. Their behaviour was good. After the German women had refused to dance with them, they danced together.

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1. Comment. Listed below are the commissaries and the units supplied:

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Commissary	Unit Served
(1) Biryukov	Ftr Div Finow (regiments at Finow and Neuruppin)
(2) Volevach	Ftr Div Zerbst (regiments at Zerbst and Jueterbog)
(3) Gitun	GA Div at an unknown station with regiments at Brandis, Alt Loennowitz and Finsterwalde
(4) Gorshkov	Ftr Div Merseburg (regiments at Merseburg, Koethen and Altenburg)
(5) Bilyatsky	Ftr Div Laerz (regiments at Laerz and Wittstock)
(8) Toporkov	Ftr Corps Headquarters at Wittstock
(9) Mashkin	Units at Elstal
(11) Krushilnitsky	GA Div Brandenburg (regiments at Brandenburg/Briest, Brandenburg-Arado and Stendal)
(12) Tupitsin	Ftr Div Puetnitz (regiments at Puetnitz and Neubrandenburg)
(13) Strishkov	Ftr Div Grossenhain (regiments at Grossenhain and Brand)
(14) Komar	Ftr Corps Headquarters at Wittenberg
(17) Shuranov	Units in Finsterwalde
Laryek II (6a)	unknown
Laryek III	Canteens at Werder airfield.
Magazine V	Units at Wusterhausen
Magazine VI	Units at Bad Saarow
Magazine XII	Units at Rangsdorf.

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2. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Fedjukov (fnu) was previously reported as chief of Werder Central Commissary. His present deputy is Major Spilitin (fnu) whose name was also reported as Spioltin.

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3. Comment. The headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is stationed at Werder airfield which is primarily used by courier planes.

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